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ARMENIAN'S SKIPPER MADE ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE

SEVERAL AMERICAN LIVES WERE LOST WITH THE ILL-FATED SHIP

INCIDENT, HOWEVER, IS NOT LIKELY TO CAUSE ANY FURTHER FRICTION BETWEEN GERMANY AND AMERICA

(Associated Press)

Washington, July 1.—United States officials are trying today to obtain details of the torpedoing of the British freight steamer *Armenian*, sunk off the coast of Cornwall Monday, with the loss of twenty-nine lives, including nearly a score of Americans, many of them negro muleteers. In many quarters the incident is regarded as likely to further complicate correspondence between Germany and the United States over submarine warfare.

What action the Washington authorities will take in this case depends almost entirely whether the *Armenian* was chartered by the British government and whether it was in fact a transport of war aboard which the Americans sailed at their own risk, or an unarmed merchantman. In the latter case the vessel would have been subject to a visit and search and those aboard transferred to safety before the vessel was destroyed.

STORY OF THE ARMENIAN'S SINKING

Avonmouth, England, July 1.—Eleven Americans were among the nineteen members of the crew who lost their lives in the sinking of the Leyland Line freight steamer *Armenian* by a German submarine off Cornwall, Monday. Some members of the crew were killed outright.

The *Armenian* was carrying 1422 mules from Newport News to Avonmouth, for the French army. She had a crew of twelve and 96 muleteers. The man at the wheel first sighted the submarine, which circled the freighter. The German submarine commander ordered the *Armenian's* captain to surrender. The *Armenian's* skipper tried to evade the submarine, but it later dropped a shell into the steamer's engine room, stopping the engines. The *Armenian* then surrendered.

SHELLED AFTER THE BOAT HAD SURRENDERED

The crew of the *Armenian* and some seventy muleteers, mostly Americans, scrambled into the lifeboats. Another shell from the submarine cut the ropes and one boat spilled its occupants, who presumably were drowned. Five boats with survivors escaped. The vessel then sank. A steam trawler landed the survivors here.

AMONG THE MISSING

Among the missing Americans are the following:

W. Williamson, address unknown.
J. M. Monroe, New Orleans.
H. M. Granberry, Montgomery, Ala.
S. R. Sutton, Cartersville, Va.
Harry Stone, New York.
Brown, a cattle ship carpenter, Harrisburg, Pa.
R. H. Brooks, or West, chief foreman, naturalized American, London.

LOOKS LIKE SUB COMPLIED WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW

Washington, July 1.—The *Armenian* was engaged on admiralty business when sunk. So Ambassador Page in London, today, reported to the state department that the British admiralty officials had informed him.

Consul Armstrong at Bristol today reported to Ambassador Page that 21 of the 29 lost with the *Armenian* were Americans.

The latest dispatches detailing how the *Armenian* tried to escape, after being ordered to stop, caused officials here to believe the submarine conformed to international law and the United States might have no reason to take up the subject.

Thirty-Six for 25 Cents

Dr. King's New Life Pills are now supplied in well-corked glass bottles, containing 36 sugar-coated white pills, for 25c. One pill with a glass of water before retiring is an average dose. Easy and pleasant to take. Effective and positive in results. Cheap and economical to use. Get a bottle today, take a dose tonight—your constipation will be relieved in the morning. 36 for 25c. at all druggists. A.C. 1

EIGHTY PER CENT OF NORMAL AREA

WAS HAS NOT CAUSED ANY GREAT REDUCTION IN COTTON ACREAGE

(Associated Press)

Washington, July 1.—The department of agriculture announced the total of cotton under cultivation in the United States at 31,535,000 acres. The condition of the cotton acreage June 25th was 80.6 per cent normal. The Georgia acreage is 4,684,000 acres. Georgia condition 79 per cent of normal acreage. Alabama 3,882,000 acres; 78 per cent normal.

NICHOLAS HASN'T LOST HIS NERVE

Bids Russian People Make Their Hearts Strong for Renewed Battle

Petrograd, July 1.—Emperor Nicholas has issued a rescript, declaring that Russia will never make peace until her enemies are crushed. He calls upon the country to support the army. Twelve hundred factories have been turned into ammunition plants.

Messrs. R. S. Rogers and W. M. Wilson went to Fruitland Park yesterday afternoon on business.

Both the watermelon growers and brokers are very much pleased with the results of their labors this year.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday evening, June 26th, quite a number of young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Saltzweil in honor of Miss Edna Den-suer's birthday. The evening was spent in playing games and listening to music on the phonograph. The house was decorated with beautiful flowers and ferns while on the veranda hung large Japanese lanterns. There was a full moon and it made the evening pleasant all around and everyone enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent until 11 o'clock, when they bid the happy hostess good-bye and wished her many returns of the pleasant evening.

Last Sunday morning, June 26th, about 8 o'clock found us wending our way down beautiful Orange avenue, in the bracing morning air past the large and beautiful fields of corn and velvet beans and long lines of eucalyptus trees on both sides of the avenue and as far back as you can see and large farm houses dotted here and there and beneath large oak trees, with their festoons of Spanish moss, which makes a sight well worth seeing. About 10 o'clock we pulled up at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Saltzweil, about ten miles south of Ocala, and after a brief rest a sumptuous dinner was spread by the hostess and to say we did full justice to it would be putting it mildly, but there was plenty left to have supplied a dozen more. The afternoon was spent in social chat until about 4 o'clock, seats were placed on the lawn beneath a large oak tree and some of the most delicious ice cream was served. The gathering was in honor of the birthdays of Mr. Otto Saltzweil, Mrs. J. S. Rifenburgh and Miss Edna Den-suer. One notable incident of the gathering was that there were present around the festive board representatives of each of the four great nations now at war—Germany, England, France and Austria, showing that peace and good will abound in this prosperous land of ours. After all the good-byes were said we all departed for our homes, wishing the hostess and all many returns of the pleasant occasion.

One Who Was There.

EVELYN REFUSES TO APPEAR

HAS A HIGHER SENSE OF DECENCY THAN OFFICIALS PROSECUTING HER HUSBAND

(Associated Press)

Malone, N. Y., July 1.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw today refused to honor the subpoena, summoning her to New York to testify at the trial to determine Harry Thaw's sanity.

BUSY LITTLE UNDERSEA BOATS

Gathered in Yesterday and Today a Good-Sized Crop

(Associated Press)

London, July 1.—The British bark *Thistlebank*, from Argentine for Queenstown, with a cargo of wheat, was torpedoed by a German submarine yesterday off Fastnet, Ireland. Some of the crew were landed at Baltimore, a small seaport southwest of Cork.

The British steamer *Scottish Monarch* bound from New York for Manchester with sugar, was torpedoed and sunk yesterday by a German submarine. The crew of thirty-six men took to boats and the captain and nineteen men were picked up and landed at Dummore.

The Norwegian steamer *Marna*, from Mandal, Norway, for Leith has been sunk by a German submarine off Hulsund.

The Norwegian bark *Ketka* was sunk by a gun fired from a German submarine just off Fastnet yesterday. Twelve of the crew were landed at Queenstown.

ALDRICH-VREELAND TIME UP

It Saved the Country from a Panic When the War Broke Out

Washington, July 1.—The Aldrich-Vreeland emergency currency law, under which nearly \$400,000,000 was put into circulation during the first days of stress of the European war, died at midnight by its own limitations. It was intended to expire last year but had been extended by the federal reserve law.

Practically all the currency issued has now been retired and every dollar is expected to be redeemed during the next few years. For its operation \$500,000 in notes have been kept on hand in the treasury.

The expansion and contraction of currency hereafter will be taken up in the federal reserve system by notes issued at the regional banks on commercial paper.

BLITCHTON

Blitchton, June 30.—Dr. Good of Williston was a Thursday visitor.

Mr. J. S. Blitch of Montbrook, Dr. Willis and Mr. Earl Willis of Williston were guests of Dr. Blitch Friday. Messrs. Landis Blitch and L. P. Irvin of Concord, Ga., spent Friday and Saturday at Juliette, guests of Mr. Alonzo Folks.

Miss Legie Blitch and her guests, Mr. Roland Wilkinson, Miss Helen Wilkinson, Miss Edith Curry and Miss Leola Priest motored to Ocala Friday.

Mr. Goree Blitch spent Monday in Ocala.

Mr. Roland Wilkinson and Miss Helen Wilkinson left Monday in their Haynes car for their home in St. Petersburg and Mr. Leon P. Irvin of Concord, Ga., left for his home Tuesday after attending the house party given by Miss Legie Blitch and her brothers.

Mr. Minor Sistrunk of Montbrook is the guest of Mrs. B. R. Blitch.

CONDITIONS IN MEXICO CONTINUE CHAOTIC

SITUATION IS SPECIALLY DANGEROUS FOR FOREIGNERS IN THE CAPITAL CITY

(Associated Press)

Washington, July 1.—Conditions in Mexico City, described as growing more chaotic, loomed largest today in the official view of the complex Mexican situation. The situation in Mexico City, made dangerous for foreigners by battling armies in the suburbs, is causing Washington officials much anxiety.

The latest reports said mobs are rioting and looting stores in Mexico City.

ZAPATA'S OFFICERS INCITE THE MOBS

Dispatches from Mexico City, dated June 25, to Vera Cruz by courier, cabled to the state department today, say Zapata's officers in Mexico City are charged with inciting mob violence.

HEARING OF MEXICAN GENERALS POSTPONED

El Paso, July 1.—The case against Huerta, Oroaco and four others has been postponed until July 12th.

SEEM TO HAVE PLENTY OF SCADS

Mountains Around Monterey are Full of Huerta's Men

Laredo, July 1.—Huerta troops have been concealed for some time in the mountains of Chihuahua, according to a letter reaching here today.

"The mountains are full of Huertistas and they are paying for everything with Mexican gold and national bank notes," the letter says.

OCALA BONDS

Will Enable Ocala to Make Desirable Improvements

Ocala has sold its bond issue of \$155,000 to a local concern—the Commercial Bank. The bonds are for waterworks and sewerage and the home bank made the best bid.

The money will be at once available and Ocala will obtain some very desirable improvements as a result. The Tribune congratulates the enterprising people of that city on the good price obtained for their bonds and on the fact that the city had an institution capable of handling the transaction.—Tampa Tribune.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Denham, of Gainesville, were in town yesterday on the way in their car to Crystal River. Mr. and Mrs. Denham have just returned from their trip to New York. Mr. Denham saw things up there which account for some of our hard times down here. He saw the best southern produce selling at lower prices than inferior stuff brings where it is raised. The people haven't the money they had in former years. Another pointer to Florida farmers who are thinking of depending on staple crops.

The G. A. Carmichael came in yesterday evening from Jacksonville, bringing a big cargo of freight for our merchants.

"Carter's Delicious" slice cake is made clean, sold clean and delivered clean. Ask your grocer for Carter's cake.

H-5 WAS SOON PULLED OFF

Little Undersea Boat Didn't Stay on the Rocks Very Long

San Francisco, July 1.—The United States submarine H-5, which went on the rocks Tuesday night near Point Sur lighthouse, 115 miles south of here, was floated on high tide late yesterday. Wireless messages to local naval authorities said the vessel was proceeding to San Francisco.

NEW AUTOMOBILE ON CREDIT

If you want to purchase a new automobile on easy payments, get the information by addressing Box 164, Ocala, Fla. 6-19-12t

COME TO THE SUNSHINE CITY

If you want to keep cool and take a plunge in the bay. You will find good rooms and board at \$5 per week at 326 Central avenue, St. Petersburg, Fla. Mrs. L. P. Butler. 25-tf

GAVE BECKER A FEW DAYS OF GRACE

SENTENCE OF DEATH HELD UP UNTIL JULY TWENTY-SIXTH

(Associated Press)

Albany, N. Y., July 1.—Governor Whitman today granted Charles Becker a reprieve until July 26th.

SMITH WILL SWING

Englishman who Murdered His Wives for Sake of Their Insurance

(Associated Press)

London, July 1.—The jury today convicted George Joseph Smith of murdering three wives. It is alleged that Smith killed his wives in baths and collected the life insurance. Smith was sentenced to death.

CORRECTION REGARDING BLOXHAM COUNTY

Editor Star: Please allow me to correct an error. My article on Bloxham county should have read "not" including railroads. In having it typewritten, the word "not" was left out. The controller assesses railroads and certifies the amount with number of miles of main track, sidetracks and branches in Marion county to me, but does not give location. The only main track that Bloxham will get from Marion is across township 15, range 18, six miles assessed at \$6,500 per mile and sidetracks and branch roads in township 14, range 19, assessed at \$2,500 per mile.

All of which cannot alter my assertion that Bloxham will not get from Marion half as much revenue as she claims and if Levy is short in the same proportion either assessment or millage must be doubled in order to get money enough to run the new county on short rations.

Alfred Ayer.

Dr. J. G. Baskin of Clearwater, president of the Bank of Dunnellon, and Mr. G. W. Neville, cashier of the bank, were in the city today.

MOSS BLUFF

Moss Bluff, June 29.—Mrs. Davis and little son Jewel, and Misses Maud and Elsie spent Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Collins.

Quite a crowd enjoyed a delightful ice cream supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. Perry Saturday night. Everybody reported a good time.

Miss Angie Collins spent Wednesday night with her friend, Miss Katie Long.

Mrs. Dillon Long is very sick at this writing. Her friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Prayer meeting was well attended Sunday night. Services conducted by Mr. J. P. Davis.

Miss Mary Hoyt Martin spent Sunday with her cousin, Miss Bernice Martin.

Mrs. J. C. Pillans and Miss Dixie spent Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Martin.

Mr. Hand and Mr. McKinney made a pleasant visit to Umatilla Friday and Saturday.

Whooping Cough

"When my daughter had whooping cough she coughed so hard at one time that she had hemorrhage of the lungs. I was terribly alarmed about her condition. Seeing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy so highly recommended, I got her a bottle and it relieved the cough at once. Before she had finished two bottles of this remedy she was entirely well," writes Mrs. S. F. Gimes, Crooksville, Ohio. Obtainable everywhere. Adv.

Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer, the best, purest and most healthful of ALL summer drinks, at Johnny's Place, 14

IVANGOROD SEEMS TEUTON OBJECTIVE

RUSSIAN ARMIES CONTINUE TO RETREAT

FIERCE FIGHTING BUT NO IMPORTANT MOVES REPORTED FROM OTHER FRONTS

(Associated Press)

London, July 1.—The Russians are still being driven back in northern Galicia and southern Poland, in the apparent effort of the Teutons to clear the way for a move on Warsaw. The Russians admit the continuation of the Teutonic offensive between the Bug and Vepre rivers. Ivangorod is believed to be the Teutons' immediate objective.

ATTACK ON WINDAU DRIVEN OFF

Petrograd reports the repulse of German warships' attack on Windau.

FRENCH MAY ATTACK NEAR ARRAS

It is reported the French are planning an attack north of Arras.

PLAN TO CAPTURE AN IMPORTANT POSITION

The Anglo-French forces are said to be planning to capture the hill of Achille Baba, dominating the country south of the Narrows of the Dardanelles.

ALL QUIET ALONG THE ISONZO

No decisive results are reported along the western front or along the Isonzo.

LAKE WEIR W. C. T. U.

The Lake Weir W. C. T. U. met Thursday, June 17th, at the Weir-dale Presbyterian church, Mrs. J. P. Sigmon acting in the absence of the president.

Opening song, He Cometh. Scripture lesson from Psalms 127th, followed by prayer by Mrs. Sigmon. The minutes were read and approved.

Decided to have our picnic on July 3rd at Stanton. Mrs. Rast, Mrs. Snook, Mrs. Kelsey, Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Sigmon were appointed to look after the different committees.

Mrs. Sigmon gave her report of the convention at Kendrick.

In the absence of the superintendent of medical temperance, Mrs. Kelsey read the paper written by Dr. Swan that was read at the Kendrick convention. There being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet July 3. Miss Grace H. Snook, Press Correspondent.

ORANGE SPRINGS

Orange Springs, June 30.—Mrs. Breden has about recovered from her recent illness.

On July 3rd there is to be an all-day picnic at the big sulphur spring here. The invitation is everybody come and bring dinner.

Rev. T. F. Roland will preach here next Sunday night at 8 o'clock. Rev. Roland has been coming here the second Sunday in each month, but new work has been added to his circuit and hereafter he will be here only for one service each month, at night on the first Sunday of each month.

Mrs. Caroline H. Moorhead of Ocala, Prof. Spencer of Gainesville and Mr. McCully of Berlin, expect to hold an all-day meeting in this vicinity on Wednesday, July 7th. The meeting is in the interest of farmers and farmers' wives and it is hoped that a good attendance will greet the above named speakers. The meeting will be at the farm and camping factory of Mr. Hipkins.

Miss Jennie Carter spent the weekend at McIntosh and Ocala.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Carlton of this place left here Tuesday for Ocala for a week's visit to that town.

The Orange Springs canning club is now in full uniform. The dress, apron and cap of each girl is identically like those of all others.

Misses Ethel and Gladys Hull are canning tomatoes rapidly now. These girls have much the finest tomatoes of any members of the canning club in this neighborhood.

Mr. Donald Moore of this place, who is now working at Rodman, got his thumb painfully injured last week.

BILLION DOLLAR TRADE BALANCE

IN A WORLD OF BUSINESS DISTRESS, AMERICA ALONE STANDS ERECT

(Associated Press)

Washington, July 1.—A billion dollar trade balance, the greatest in American history, and that in a year which has seen commerce depressed for eleven months as a result of a world war, is the commercial record of the United States. The official announcement of the stupendous figures was made yesterday at the department of commerce, stating that with the close of the fiscal year at midnight it was certain that the billion dollar mark has been passed.

AT HEAD OF STATE FAIR ASSOCIATION

George Mason and Other Rustling Citizens of Jacksonville

Times-Union: A well attended public meeting in the chamber of commerce auditorium was held last night at which George Mason was elected permanent president of the State Fair Association and P. D. Casaday was elected secretary, with the following well-known business men of the city comprising the board of directors: J. D. Baker, Harry B. Hoyt, F. R. Conroy, John Fitch, E. V. Conington, H. H. Simmons, Telfair Stockton, W. H. Bostick, Jr., Leon Clark, W. E. Comer, Robert Gamble, Edward Olson, J. M. Barre, Charles H. Mann, George Hardee.

BERLIN

Berlin, June 29.—Our community was visited by a nice shower last Monday afternoon which was greatly welcomed by the farmers.

Misses Helen Veal and Margaret Bell, who have been the guests of Miss Fay Beck for the past week, returned to their home at Cotton Plant last Sunday morning.

Mrs. S. J. McCully is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Noble near Morrilton.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Books of Floral City, were week-end guests of Mrs. Books' parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Seckinger last week.

Mrs. J. L. Beck and Miss Annie Hudgens accompanied by Master James Hudgens, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Frank were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Brooks last Sunday.

Mr. C. C. Stephens is spending this week in Jacksonville transacting business and visiting relatives.

Potato digging is the order of the day in Berlin now.

There will be preaching at the Fellowship Baptist church on July 14th at 3:30 p. m. by Rev. Bunyan Stephens of Ocala.

The medal contest held by Mrs. Shaw of Zuber at the Fellowship Baptist church last Friday evening proved to be quite a success although the attendance was rather small, on account of the inclement weather.

The contestants all did fine. The medal was won by a small boy from Zuber. Mrs. Shaw deserves much praise for the good work she is doing.

Misses Mabel Allen, Beulah Marshall and Dovie Gates, who have been the attractive guests at the home party of Misses Lora and Leon Brooks for the past week, returned to their home at Ocala last Saturday.

While here they greatly enjoyed swimming, horseback riding, croquet and punting.

Brooks were accompanied by Messrs. Allen, Marshall and Gates.